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**National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT)
Superfund Subcommittee**

PRESS STATEMENT - DECEMBER MEETING MATERIALS

The Superfund Subcommittee of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology issues this statement to provide context for the November 24, 2003 draft of its report, and other materials associated with the Subcommittee's December 9-11, 2003 meeting. The November 24, 2003 draft is the fourth in a series of draft reports developed to describe Subcommittee discussions to date and further the Subcommittee's deliberations.

The Superfund Subcommittee was convened in June 2002. Members of the Subcommittee are senior-level individuals from business and industry, community and environmental advocacy groups, federal, state, local and tribal governments and environmental justice, other non-governmental organizations and academia, appointed by EPA. The Subcommittee has met seven times and intends to complete its activities by the end of March 2004.

As yet, the Subcommittee has not finalized its report to EPA nor has it reached conclusions about its recommendations. Deliberations by the Subcommittee will continue at the full Subcommittee meeting scheduled for December 9 – 11, at the Hilton, Crystal City Hotel in the Washington D.C. area. At the December meeting, the Subcommittee will consider, discuss, and as appropriate, modify the November 24, 2003 draft report. All individuals should understand that the November 24, 2003 draft is a work in progress. It does not represent the consensus of the Subcommittee and should not be cited or quoted except as an interim document that will be thoroughly and carefully reviewed by the Subcommittee.

In accordance with the requirements of FACA, full Subcommittee meetings are open to the public and opportunities for public comment are provided. The Designated Federal Official for the Subcommittee is Angelo Carasea. He may be reached at (703) 603-8828.

More information on the Superfund Subcommittee, including past meeting agendas and summaries and detailed information on the December meeting, is available in the Superfund Docket. Contact the Docket at www.epa.gov/edocket or by phone at 202-566-0276 and refer to docket #SFUND-2002-0005. Other inquiries may be directed to Molly Mayo at the Meridian Institute at (970) 513-8340 extension 310.